

Amendment to the Claims:

1-2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) A vector comprising ~~the nucleic acid molecule of claim 2.~~ a reporter gene operably linked to a regulatory region comprising a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 31 or SEQ ID NO: 32.

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) ~~The nucleic acid molecule of claim 2~~ vector of claim 3 wherein said ~~heterologous~~ reporter gene encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of luciferase, green fluorescent protein (GFP), chloramphenicol acetyl transferase (CAT), β -glucuronidase (GUS), secreted alkaline phosphatase (SEAP) and β -galactosidase (β -gal).

6-32. (canceled)

33. (new) The vector of claim 5 wherein said vector is a cloning vector.

34. (new) The vector of claim 5 wherein said vector is an expression vector.